

Lewis Ledger

Collection drive

In conjunction with Make A Difference Day, Army Community Service is sponsoring a collection drive for two men's shelters in Pierce and Thurston counties. The following items are requested:

- Food items like spices and baby food;
- Personal care like lotion, razors and diapers;
- Household items like baking dishes, lamps and radios;
- Vinyl flooring;
- Computers;
- Bus passes; and
- Storage containers.

Drop off items at Waller Hall through today. For more information, call 967-5901.

Family award nominations

Nominations for the Fort Lewis Family of the Year will be accepted through today from any soldier, family member, retiree or civilian employee assigned to Fort Lewis.

Family of the Year nominations are for families whose service has been a direct benefit to soldiers, their families and/or the military community at large. They must be an inspiration in their proven capacity to nurture individual growth, to build teamwork and love within the family, and to extend friendship and service to the community.

All nominations must be submitted on HFL Form 3061 — Family Award Nomination. Forms will be available at the Family Resource Center, Building 4274, 9th Division Drive and Idaho Avenue, installation volunteer coordinator's office or by calling 967-2324.

Completed nomination forms are to be hand carried to the IVC's office no later than today.

Clarkmoor events

Clarkmoor Elementary School is scheduled to host movie night today, 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. In addition, the school will have a book fair Nov. 3 to 7 with a chili cook off and potato dinner Nov. 6.

For more information, call 583-5220.

AFTB classes

The Army Family Team Building is offering the following classes:

- Level I — Nov. 13, 14 Dec. 3 and 4, 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.
- Level II — Nov. 4 to 7, 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.
- Level III — Wednesday, Nov. 5, 12, 19, 5:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.
- Level III Korean — Today and Nov. 21, 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.
- Instructor Training — Call to schedule an interview by Monday, classes are Monday through Thursday.

AFTB is also looking for volunteers. Training and childcare are provided.

For more information, call 967-2382.

Candy making class

The Enlisted Spouse's Club is offering a candy making class Saturday, 10 a.m. to 11 a.m., in their club location across the street from the Soldier's Statue. Cost is \$2.

For more information, call 964-1996 or 967-5849.

Protestant chapel

- The Protestant Women of the Chapel will meet every Wednesday, 9 a.m. to 11:30 a.m., at the Main Post Chapel auditorium. Free child care is provided on a space available basis.
- Night study is offered every Monday, 6:30 p.m. to 8 p.m., at Robyn's Nest in the DuPont station.

For more information, call 964-9204 or 964-9083.

- PWOC will host a fall women's retreat Saturday, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., at the American Lake Club.

For more information, call 964-4554.

Night firing

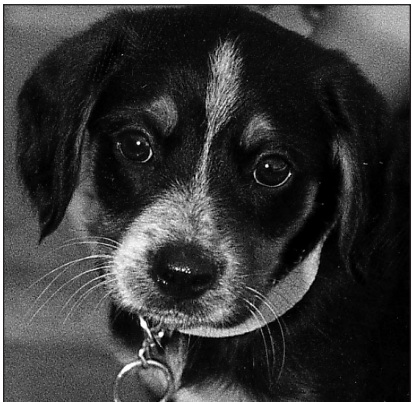
● The 2nd Battalion, 75th Ranger Regiment, will be firing with claymores and mortars into the Fort Lewis Impact Area from midnight, Monday, to midnight, tonight, and midnight, Monday, to midnight, Wednesday. Road guards will be posted.

● The 3rd Battalion, 21st Infantry Regiment, will be firing mortars into the Fort Lewis Impact Area from midnight, Nov. 12, to midnight, Nov. 13, and midnight, Nov. 19, to midnight, Nov. 21. Road guards will be posted.

● The 1st Battalion, 5th Infantry Regiment, will be firing with mortars into the Fort Lewis Impact Area from midnight, Nov. 17, to midnight, Nov. 21. Road guards will be posted.

Queries or comments about noise may be directed to 1st Corps Public Affairs Office's External Communications Division hotline at 967-0852.

Pet of the week



Adopt a dog like this one at the Stray Animal Facility on post. Animals can be visited during adoption hours, Mondays to Fridays, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Animals will be held for three working days before they are disposed of in accordance with local policies. For more information, call 967-3988.

Marriage counseling

The Chaplain Family Life Center will offer "Build a Stronger Marriage" class Tuesday. Resolve conflicts, communicate effectively and revive the fun in marriage. Childcare is provided.

For more information, call 967-1723.

West Point briefing

The West Point Admissions Office will conduct five 45-minute briefings Tuesday in Room B-101 at the Stone Education Center for all Fort Lewis soldiers.

Session times are 9:30 a.m., 10:30 a.m., 1:30 a.m., 2:30 p.m. and 3:30 p.m.

Regular Army soldiers are offered admission to the United States Military Academy or the United States Military Academy Preparatory School every year. Interested soldiers must be: U.S. citizens; unmarried, with no legal obligation to support dependents; not be 23 years of age prior to July 1 of the year entering USMA; of high moral character and have a sincere interest in becoming an Army officer.

For more information, call DSN 688-5780, (845) 938-5780, e-mail tc2324@usma.edu or visit www.usma.edu.

Newcomer's Brief

A Newcomer's Brief will be Tuesday, 9 a.m., at the American Lake Club. This brief is required for all incoming Fort Lewis personnel.

Flu shots

Active duty soldiers and civilian personnel can get their flu shot Tuesday to Thursday, 7:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., on the ground floor of the Madigan Army Medical Center Medical Mall near immunizations. Bring your shot record.

In addition, people age 65 and older with chronic health problems, children age 9 and older with chronic medical conditions, pregnant women in their second or third trimester and other health care workers or family members in close contact with people at risk of serious influenza can get their shots Nov. 4, 5, 6, 12, 13, 18, 19 and 20, 7:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

For more information, call 968-4744.

Suicide Intervention

The next Suicide Intervention training will be Tuesday, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., and Wednesday, 7:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., at the Four Chaplains Memorial Chapel.

School board schedule

The Clover Park School District Board of Directors has scheduled its meetings for the 2003-2004 school year. All meetings will be held in Room 4 of the Student Services Center, 10903 Gravelly Lake Drive Southwest in Lakewood.

Scheduled meetings are listed below:

- Regular meetings are held Nov. 10 and Dec. 8, 7 p.m.
- Special meetings/workshops are held Wednesday and Nov. 19, 4:30 p.m.

For more information, call 589-5190.

Criminal justice fair

The fourth annual Criminal Justice Career Fair will be Wednesday, 1 p.m. to 5 p.m., at the Washington State Criminal Justice Training Commission, on 19010 1st Avenue South in Burien, Wash. Registration is required by Tuesday.

For more information, visit www.cjtc.sate.wa.us or e-mail events@cjtc.state.wa.us.

EFMP support meeting

Army Community Center will host an Exceptional Family Member Program support meeting Thursday, 6 p.m. to 9:30 p.m., at Waller Hall.

The topic of discussion is "What is the Fair Housing Act." The meeting will also have "Scary Sharing," where all attendees are encouraged to bring a scary snack to share and prizes will be awarded for the scariest costume. Child care is available with reservations.

For more information, call Wenonah Galusha at 967-3451 or e-mail wenonah.galusha@lewis.army.mil.

Volunteers needed

Forty volunteers are needed Oct. 31, 4 p.m. to 11 p.m., for the Better Opportunities for Single Soldier's Haunted House.

For more information, call 967-5636 or 691-9699.

Holiday Bazaar

The Officer's Spouse's Club will host a Holiday Bazaar Nov. 1, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Nov. 2, noon to 5 p.m., at Jensen Gym.

The event is open to the Fort Lewis community and costs \$2.

The Bazaar will raise funds for the OSC Welfare Account, with all proceeds going back to members of the Fort Lewis community.

For more information, call Lisa Jones at 964-0965 or Katie Williams at 512-0617.

EFMP recognition awards

The annual Exceptional Family Member Program recognition awards ceremony scheduled for Nov. 1 has been postponed indefinitely due to unforeseen circumstances.

Thrift Shop sale

The Fort Lewis Thrift Shop (near Utah and North 11th Streets) is having a sale Nov. 1. All remaining items are half price marked, which proceeds go to the post scholarship fund.

The next bag sale will be Nov. 4 at the newly expanded Clearance Center.

For more information, call 964-5401 or e-mail ThriftShop@att.net.

Change of command

Brig. Gen. Daniel P. Coffey will relinquish command of the 66th Aviation Brigade to Col. James E. Kelly at the Washington Army National

Pumpkin pickin'



Steven Field

Chase Martin, 4, spots a pumpkin he likes in a patch near Fort Lewis. There are several places in the Puget Sound to pick fresh pumpkins for Halloween. For more information, see Page B1.

Guard Aviation Facility Nov. 2, 2 p.m.

Search and rescue orientation

Pierce County's Explorer Search and Rescue team is seeking young adults ages 14 to 20.

Members undergo six weekends of hands-on training, including search and rescue techniques, survival skills, helicopter operations, first aid and map/compass instruction.

Orientation schedules are:

- Nov. 5, 7 p.m. to 8:15 p.m., Graham Library.
- Nov. 12, 7 p.m. to 8:15 p.m., South Hill Library.
- Nov. 25, 7 p.m. to 8:15 p.m., Parkland Library.

For more information, call Susie Sarachman at 752-3727 or Jody Woodcock at 798-7021.

Life Skills classes

Army Community Services has the following classes scheduled for November:

- Anger Control — Nov. 6, 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m., or Nov. 25, 9 a.m. to 11 a.m.
- Personal Stress Management — Nov. 12, 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.
- Stress Management — (four session class) Nov. 17, 19, 21 and 24, 1 p.m. to 3 p.m.
- Stress Management for the Mid-level NCO — Nov. 18, 1 p.m. to 3 p.m.
- Marriage Conflict Management — (two session class) Nov. 13 and 20, 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.
- Parenting ages 4 through 12 — (eight session class) Nov. 5, 7, 12, 14, 17, 19, 21 and 24, 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.
- Parenting infants and toddlers — (eight session class) Dec. 1, 3, 5, 8, 10, 12, 15, and 17.

For more information, call 967-7906 or e-mail mcguirje@lewis.army.mil.

Economics forum

Washington State University is sponsoring a student forum — "Economics Beyond the Textbook and Classroom" — Nov. 6 and 7 at the Best Western Hotel and Conference Center in Fife, Wash.

The forum is being held in conjunction with the annual Northwest Economic Outlook Symposium, and will feature presentations by economists, business professionals and government analysts. A contingent of Saint Martin's students will also be attending the forum.

For more information, call Riley Moore at (360) 438-4511 or e-mail rmoore@stmartin.edu.

Personal growth retreat

The Navy Chaplain's Religious Enrichment Development Operation will host a personal growth retreat Nov. 6 to 9.

For more information, call (360) 476-3793, DSN 439-3791 or visit www.credo-pnw.navy.mil.

Annual ethics training

The Joint Ethics Regulation requires all Department of Defense employees who file an annual confidential financial disclosure report to receive mandatory annual ethics training. Classes are:

- Nov. 6, 12, 13 and 19, 9 a.m. to 10 a.m.; and
- Nov. 7 and 18, 1:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m.

All classes are in Room 101-B at the Stone Education Center.

In addition an ethics requirement must be completed on www.usoge.gov/pages/comp_web_trng/cwt_modules/misuse_wbt_01/mis1.html.

For more information, call 967-0789 or 967-0793.

Rummage sale

A rummage sale will be held Nov. 8, 8 a.m. to 3 p.m., at the Enlisted Spouses Club across the street from the Soldiers Statue. Donations are needed.

For more information, call 964-2281.

Military spouse award

A new military spouse award is now open for nominations and time is of the essence. Nominations are due by Nov. 9 for four new awards honoring active duty, retiree, Guard or Reserve, and veteran spouses. Nominations can be made online at www.commissaries.com or www.avashow.com.

Army Field Band

Members of the U.S. Army Band will perform in the Pacific Northwest during an upcoming tour. The concerts are free. Tickets are required and available through the civilian sponsor

- Nov. 9, 4 p.m., in Vancouver, Wash.

For more information, call (360) 694-3391.

- Nov. 10, 8 p.m., in Seattle.

For more information, call (301) 677-6586.

Education Fair

The Stone Education Center will sponsor an Education Fair Nov. 18, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., at the American Lake Club. Admission is free and open to members of the Fort Lewis community.

Transition to Teaching

Saint Martin's is offering two informational meetings Nov. 19 and Dec. 3, 7 p.m., at the college's Worthington Conference Center in Lacey, Wash., for people interested in its Transition to Teaching Program.

A stipend is offered for participants willing to work in Washington's high-needs areas.

For more information, call (360) 438-4333 or visit www.stmartin.edu/education/transitions.

Home school basics

Pierce College Continuing Education is offering a class to parents on home school basics. The class utilizes classroom and online coursework to qualify parents to educate their children at home. Participants must have a home computer with PowerPoint and Internet access to complete the program.

Class will meet Nov. 21, 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Continuing Education at the Puyallup campus, 812 39th Avenue Southwest, is the location for the class. A computer lab session will be Tuesday, 6 p.m. to 9 p.m.

Course fee is \$125 (Item Number F592), with a reduced fee of \$79 for the spouse. The textbook is \$9 and will be available for purchase in the class. You must register for the class.

To register, call 964-6616. For more information, call Dale Stowell at 964-6780, Carol Saynisch at 964-6587 or Marilee Titus at 912-3703.

Native American celebration

The 1st Corps and Fort Lewis Native American Heritage Month celebration will be Nov. 21, 1 p.m., at the Cascade Community Club.

The guest speaker is the Washington state Governor's Director of Indian Affairs Kyle Lucas.

In addition, Albert Smith, a World War II Navajo code talker, will be the guest of honor.

For more information, call Master Sgt. Doug Strand at 967-2007.

Thanksgiving chapel service

A religious trans-denominational service is scheduled for Nov. 26, 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., at the Main Post Chapel.

For more information, call 966-1962.

Family of the Year award

The Fort Lewis Family of the Year Luncheon and Awards Ceremony will be Dec. 3, 11:30 a.m., at the American Lake Club. The event is open to the public. Reservations are required by Nov. 26.

For more information, call 967-9496.

Base construction

The McChord Air Force Base Main Gate is under construction until Dec. 1 to make security procedures similar to those in place on Fort Lewis.

Drivers can still enter the base through the Main Gate but must leave through another gate. Base officials are redirecting traffic patterns and operating hours at the following base gates during the construction project:

- North Gate will remain open 24 hours for vehicles departing the base only.
- Housing Gate will open 6 a.m. to 8 p.m. daily with one entry and one exit lane.
- East Gate will open 6 a.m. to 9 a.m. and 3 p.m. to 8 p.m., Mondays through Fridays, with one entry and one exit lane.
- South Gate will open 6 a.m. to 5 p.m., Mondays through Fridays, only for commercial vehicle traffic entering the base.

For more information, call 982-9870 or 982-3631.

Menton Day

The 1st Special Forces Group will sponsor Menton Day on post. Events are:

- Dec. 3, 1 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. — Combined Airborne Operation parachute jump at Point Salinas Drop Zone with Canadian soldiers;
- Dec. 3, 3 p.m. — Wreath laying at the group headquarters;
- Dec. 5, 10:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. — Static display in Building 3025 on Gray Army Airfield; and
- Dec. 5, 5:45 p.m. — Formal ball at the Sheraton Hotel in Tacoma.

For more information, call Maj. William Medina at 967-8604 or e-mail medinaw@soc.mil.

Spouse orientation

An orientation for international spouses will be Dec. 3, 9 a.m. to noon, at Waller Hall. Reservations are required.

For more information, call 967-3633 or 967-3550.

Host families needed

The Pacific Intercultural Exchange is looking for 20 Washington families to host high school students from various countries for the semester. The students are ages 15 to 18 and will arrive in January.

For more information, call 800-894-7633.

Chess sets wanted

The Maryhill Museum of Art in Goldendale, Wash., invites youth artists to create original chess sets for exhibition next year.

The sets must be of original concept, designed and fabricated by an individual, team, classroom or chess club. Deadline for entries is Feb. 6.

For more information, call (509) 773-3733.

German Wives Club

The German Wives Club of Fort Lewis meets the third Saturday each month in the Main Conference Room of the Main Chapel.

Reserve unit

A new Reserve defense logistics agency unit seeks soldiers with 92A military operational specialty with the rank of sergeant to sergeant first class to serve on a joint property disposal team.

For more information, call (360) 402-5128 or (703) 767-6190.

Government travel card

Military travelers who use their government charge card for temporary duty expenses are now required to check the split disbursement box in block one of the travel voucher Department of Defense Form 1351-2. The amount annotated for split disbursement should equal the amount charged to the card.

If your orders state that you are a government card holder and you do not use the split disbursement, your voucher will be returned.

Free computer classes

Giant Campus is offering free computer classes to the Fort Lewis community.

For more information, visit www.fortlewis.giantcampus.com.

Girl Scouts

The Girl Scouts is currently accepting applications for volunteers. Hours are flexible.

For more information, visit www.gspcc.org.

Social sponsors needed

Physicians and nurses from Greece, Benin and the Czech Republic will be observing operations at Madigan Army Medical Center until January.

Volunteer sponsors are needed to integrate these visitors into the local community by involving them in family or social activities such as shopping, sports, holidays and sightseeing. All of the international military students speak English.

For more information, call 968-3250 or e-mail serina.hood@nw.amedd.army.mil.

Halloween tips

Halloween trick-or-treating can be safe and fun. The risk of accidents to children is obviously higher. Take time to take care.

- Arrange for pre-school children trick-or-treating to be accompanied by a person 14 years or older.
- Limit trick-or-treating to houses with lights.
- Light colored, nonflammable costumes, short enough to prevent tripping. Mark with reflective tape or "glow" spray.
- Observe all basic safety precautions. Use sidewalks and crosswalks; look in all directions before crossing street. Don't cut through yards.
- Wear masks or head coverings that do not restrict vision. Use color makeup as much as possible.
- Ensure pet owners take measures to prevent pets from being a nuisance or a menace to children, and caution children about wrongs of vandalism and causing damage to property of others.

- Ensure children carry flashlights after dark or other luminous device such as a lantern or baton.
- Never let children eat anything until you have inspected the treats. Reduce temptation by providing your children a full meal be they go off trick-or-treating.
- Post trick-or-treat hours are 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.

myPay customers

The 2 million military and civilian users of myPay are being cautioned to use only the official myPay site (<https://mypay.dfas.mil>) when seeking to access pay account information.

Look-alike sites have recently frustrated myPay customers who have been confused by accidentally finding their way to a commercial site that is in no way affiliated with Defense Financing and Accounting Services or Department of Defense.

Attention

Event announcements must be received no later than one week before printing, but the earlier they are received, the better.

Announcements can be e-mailed to NWGEDitor@mail.tribnet.com, faxed to 967-0850 or hand delivered; e-mail is preferred no later than noon on Monday for that week. Announcements typed on PCs must be saved as a text only document. Photos must be saved as jpegs. If hand delivering, bring both the disk and a printed hard copy to the *Northwest Guardian* office, located in Building 2025 (right side from back parking lot), on main post.

For more information, call 967-0173.